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Thank you for attending the Detour Open House for the proposed replacement of the existing bridge carrying State Route (SR)26/US 80 over Indian Branch, PI Number 0013924. Our goal is two-fold: 1) to provide you with information on the proposed project and 2) to provide an opportunity for you to give us your comments on the proposed project, which includes a traffic detour route that would be used during construction. In this handout package, you will find a description of the project, a location map, a map of the proposed detour, and a comment card.

As you enter the room, please take a look at the project display and the detour map. Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) representatives, wearing nametags, are available to discuss the project and answer your questions. There will be no formal presentation.

We hope you will take the opportunity to tell the GDOT what you think. Listed below are several ways to comment on the project. Your comments are important to us and, should you provide comments by one of the methods noted below, we will respond to you in writing usually within 30 days of the close of the comment period. All comments will become part of the project's official record.

While you are attending the open house, you can **provide your comments today** by filling out the comment card provided with this handout and dropping it in the comment box, or you may choose to provide your verbal comments to the court reporter who will transcribe your comments.

You can also **provide your comments by Tuesday, August 14, 2018** by using any of the following methods:

- Online at www.dot.ga.gov/PS/Public/PublicOutreach.
 - From the menu, select the county in which the proposed project is located and click *Go*;
 - Then select *SR 26 Bridge Replacement over Indian Branch*;
 - Lastly, click *Comment* and follow the instructions to leave your comments.
- Mail in your comment card to Mr. Eric Duff, Georgia Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street NW, 16th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30308.

The project displays and plans will be available for review for ten days after this open house at the website noted above. Hardcopies will also be available at the GDOT District 2 Area Office located at 2003 US Hwy 441 S, Dublin, Georgia 31021. Following the ten-day public comment period, a copy of all comments received will be available by request at the Atlanta address listed above.

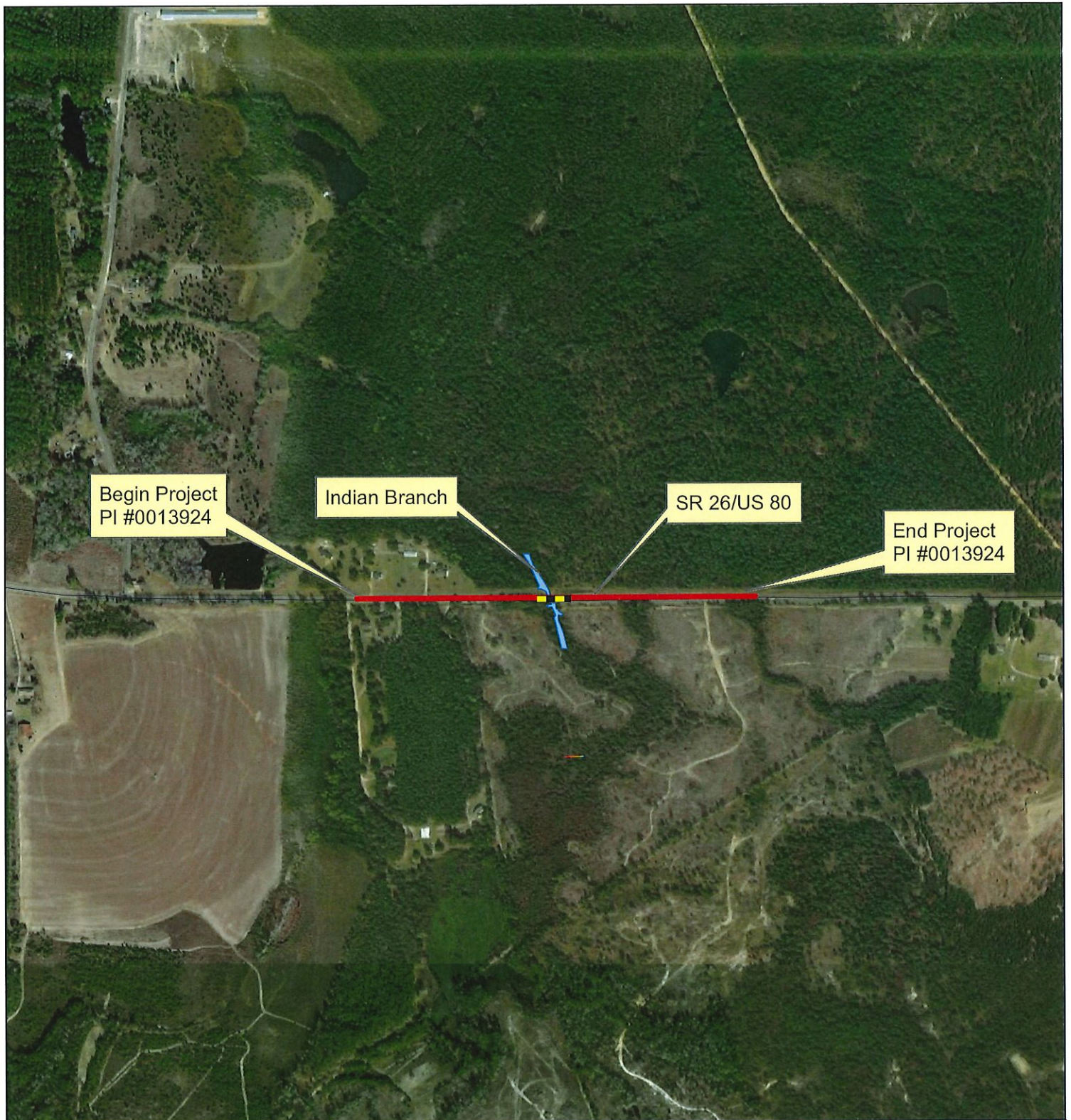
Again, thank you for attending this open house. If you should have any questions or need additional information, feel free to contact the project manager, Jeff Henry, at 770-499-1161 or the environmental analyst, David Borchardt, at 404-631-1184 of the Office of Environmental Services.

Sincerely,

Eric Duff
State Environmental Administrator
Georgia Department of Transportation

Why We Are Here: As part of the Georgia Department of Transportation's (GDOT) statewide bridge replacement program, this proposed project would replace the bridge located on SR 26/US 80 over Indian Branch in Laurens County, Georgia. The existing bridge was constructed in 1932. SR 26/US 80 is functionally classified as a Rural Minor Arterial and is not a part of the National Network for Trucks. The bridge is currently load posted and below current design standards. The proposed bridge replacement would be designed to meet the current American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) specifications with regards to lane width, shoulder width, live load capacity, and crash worthy railing system.

Project Description: The proposed project would involve the replacement of the existing bridge located on SR 26/US 80 over Indian Branch in Laurens County, Georgia. The bridge over Indian Branch is located approximately 5.2 miles southeast of the town of Brewton. The existing right-of-way (ROW) width is approximately 100 feet and the proposed ROW width will be determined as project plans develop. The existing typical section for SR 26/US 80 consists of two approximately 10-foot wide travel lanes with approximately 6-foot wide shoulders, and a posted speed limit of 55 miles per hour (mph). The existing concrete bridge structure is 24 feet wide (gutter to gutter) and approximately 68 feet long, consisting of two 10-foot wide travel lanes and 1.5 -foot wide shoulders. The total project length is approximately 0.4 mile. During construction of the proposed bridge, traffic is proposed to be maintained on an off-site detour.



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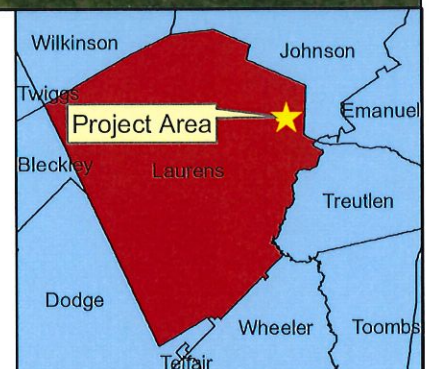
PI 0013924
SR 26/US 80 at Indian Branch
Laurens County, Georgia

Figure 1. Project Location

0 600 1,200 1,800
Feet

Legend

- Indian Branch
- Roadways
- Indian Branch Bridge
- Project Location



Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name _____

Address _____

Do you support the project and the detour as presented? (check your response)

☐ **For** ☐ **Against** ☐ **Conditional** ☐ **Uncommitted**

General Comments _____

How did you hear about this Open House? (check) ☐ **Newspaper** ☐ **Signs** ☐ **GDOT Website** ☐ **Radio**

☐ **Word of Mouth** ☐ **Social Media** ☐ **Other** _____

Was the location of the Open House convenient for you to attend? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

If no, please suggest a general location that is more convenient to your community.

Was the time of the meeting convenient for you to attend? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

If no, please suggest a time frame that is more convenient for you. _____

Were your questions answered by GDOT personnel? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Please share your suggestions on improving the ways GDOT conducts Open Houses:

Mail to:

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